



# NAVAL SAFETY CENTER

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## Aviation Class A Mishaps

This page provides information on Aviation Class A fight mishaps for FY16.

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### Class A Flight Mishaps

#### Navy

- 21 Nov 2016: (Upper Mojave Desert Region) F/A-18F struck a tree while instructor pilot was conducting a currency flight event. Returned to base safely. No injuries.
- 13 Oct 2016: (Tinker, AFB) E-6B #2 engine sustained compressor blade damage due to bird ingestion. Aircraft landed safely. No injuries.

#### Marines

- 13 Dec 2016: (Off the Coast of Okinawa, Japan) MV-22B attempted a precautionary emergency landing (PEL) to dry land but crash landed in shallow water. Crew of 5 evacuated with injuries.
- 07 Dec 2016: (Off the Coast of Iwakuni MCAS, Japan) F/A-18C crashed into the water while conducting a night mission. Pilot ejected. 1 fatality.
- 09 Nov 2016: (Off the Coast of San Diego) Two F/A-18As were conducting basic flight maneuvers and had a mid-air collision. 1 aircraft crashed in the water. Pilot ejected successfully. 1 aircraft landed with significant damage.
- 27 Oct 2016: (MCAS Beaufort, SC) F/A-35B had an inflight weapons bay fire followed by an uneventful landing. No injuries.
- 25 Oct 2016: (Twentynine Palms, CA) F/A-18C crashed on final approach. Pilot ejected successfully. No injuries.
- 20 Oct 2016: (Yuma, AZ) CH-53E main rotor contacted building causing damage to the aircraft.

### Class A Aviation UAS/UAV, Flight-Related and Ground Mishaps

#### Navy

- 18 Dec 2016: (Kadena AFB, Japan) Tow bar separation resulted in aircraft/tow collision with damage to nose gear and lower fuselage of P-8A.
- 16 Dec 2016: (NAS Whidbey Island, WA) Canopy on EA-18G exploded/jettisoned resulting in severe injuries 2 personnel.

#### Marines

- No mishap this FY.